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- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Law Treaty

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2022 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Patent Law Treaty.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0073.

*Needs and Uses:* The Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012 (PLTIA) implements the provisions of the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) in title II. PLT Article 13 provides for the restoration of the right of priority where there is a failure to timely claim priority to the prior application, and also where there is a failure to file the subsequent application within 12 months of the filing date of the priority application.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) rules of practice are consistent with the PLT and

title II of the PLTIA. Section 201(c) of the PLTIA amended 35 U.S.C. 119 to provide that the 12-month periods set forth in 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and (e) may be extended by an additional 2 months if the delay in filing an application claiming priority to a foreign application or the benefit of a provisional application within that 12-month period was unintentional.

The information in this information collection is necessary so that patent applicants and/or patentees may seek restoration of the right of priority to a prior-filed foreign application or of the right to the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application. The USPTO will use the petition to restore the right of priority to a prior filed foreign application or the right to the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application to determine whether the applicant has satisfied the conditions of the applicable statute (35 U.S.C. 119) and regulation (37 CFR 1.55(c) or 1.78(b)).

- *Form Number(s):* PTO/SB/459 (Petition to Restore the Right of Priority under 37 CFR 1.55(c) or Petition to Restore the Benefit of a Prior-Filed Provisional Application under 37 CFR 1.78(b)).

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector; individuals or households.

*Respondent’s Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 800 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 800 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 1 hour to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 800 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$1,464,824.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under

30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651–0073.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent and PTAB Pro Bono Programs

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2022 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Patent and PTAB Pro Bono Programs.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0082.

*Needs and Uses:* The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA), Public Law 112–29 § 32 (2011) directs the USPTO to work with and support intellectual property law associations across the country in the establishment of pro bono programs designed to assist financially under-resourced independent inventors and small

businesses. To support this, the USPTO—in collaboration with various non-profit organizations—implemented the Patent Pro Bono program; a series of autonomous regional programs that act as matchmakers to help connect low-income inventors with volunteer patent attorneys across the United States. The Patent Pro Bono program comprises a network of regional programs organized by various bar associations, law school IP clinics, and lawyer referral services that provide services across all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

In 2022, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) began coordinating *pro bono* opportunities through the newly created PTAB Pro Bono Program, having supported the establishment of a national clearinghouse that acts as a matchmaker to connect under-resourced inventors with volunteer patent practitioners across the United States for assistance in preparing and arguing *ex parte* appeals before the PTAB. The PTAB Bar Association's national clearinghouse provides access to legal representation for *pro bono ex parte* appeal services across all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Each *pro bono* program will be requesting that their respective regional programs and a national clearinghouse collect demographic information from those seeking assistance that will be self-identified by the applicant. The requested standardized demographic information, collected through Applicant Intake Forms, will be a voluntary part of the overall application materials that each independent inventor fills out when seeking *pro bono* assistance. The information collected will be kept confidential by the regional programs and the national clearinghouse and only aggregate information is shared with the USPTO. This aggregate information, will also be used to help determine the extent to which women, minorities, and veterans engage the Pro Bono Programs supported by USPTO.

This renewal of 0651–0082 broadens the scope of the information collection to include the PTAB Pro Bono Program, in addition to the Patent Pro Bono Program that was covered under this collection. The name of the information collection has been adjusted from “Pro Bono Survey” to “Patent and PTAB Pro Bono Programs” in order to include related programs under this single information collection. This information collection includes an instrument capturing data for the Patent Pro Bono program (Patent Pro Bono Survey) and its applicant participations (Patent Applicant Intake Form). The

information collection also has a similar instrument that covers the collection of data for the PTAB program (PTAB Pro Bono Survey) and the applicants requesting to participate in that PTAB offering (PTAB Applicant Intake Form).

*Form Number(s):*

- USPTO/550 (Patent Pro Bono Survey)
- USPTO/551 (Patent Applicant Intake Form)
- USPTO/552 (PTAB Pro Bono Survey)
- USPTO/553 (PTAB Applicant Intake Form)

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector; individuals or households.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual*

*Respondents:* 1,763 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual*

*Responses:* 1,832 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public between approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) and 2 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, fill out the item, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent*

*Burden Hours:* 332 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent*

*Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$1,333.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651–0082.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS–2022–0020; OMB Control Number 0750–0005]

### Information Collection Requirements; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Part 225, Disclosure of Employment of Individuals Who Work in the People's Republic of China

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 1, 2023.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 225, Disclosure of Employment of Individuals Who Work in the People's Republic of China; OMB Control Number 0750–0005.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Annual Responses:* 50.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Reporting Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection implements section 855 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 (Pub. L. 117–81, 10 U.S.C. 4651 note prec.). DoD uses the information obtained through this collection to ensure compliance with the statute as follows:

DFARS 252.225–7057, Preaward Disclosure of Employment of Individuals Who Work in the People's Republic of China. The offeror's disclosure is required when the offeror